

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 135

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to commend the members of the Education Lottery Task Force for their honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Education Lottery Task Force are such remarkable individuals who, as highly respected members of the community of education professionals, evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, upon the passage of a constitutional amendment authorizing a state-sponsored lottery in the Tennessee General Election of 2002, legislators were faced with the awesome task of developing a system for the responsible administration of the funds raised by the lottery; and

WHEREAS, as these funds have been designated for use in the establishment of a scholarship fund designed to encourage students to pursue higher education within the State of Tennessee, the wisdom, expertise and experience of higher education professionals of such stature as these outstanding individuals proved to be invaluable; and

WHEREAS, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Wilder, Speaker Naifeh and Senator Steve Cohen, task force members drew upon their many years of collective experience in higher education administration as they analyzed the possible consequences on the lives of Tennessee students and universities of various scholarship program models; and

WHEREAS, the Education Lottery Task Force members included Dr. John Shumaker, President, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Dr. Douglas Wood, Executive Director, State Board of Education, Dr. Steve Flatt, President, David Lipscomb University, Mr. J. Stanley Rogers, Member, Board of Regents, Dr. Maxine Smith, Member, Board of Regents, Dr. Shirley Raines, President, the University of Memphis, Dr. Paul Stanton, President, East Tennessee State University, Dr. Angelo Volpe, President Emeritus, Tennessee Technological University, Dr. Karen Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dr. James Catanzaro, President, Chattanooga State Community College, Mr. Russell Shelton, Director, Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis, Dr. William Ford, Professor of Economics and Finance, Middle Tennessee State University, Mr. Leonard Bradley, Lecturer in Public Policy, Peabody Center for Education Policy of Vanderbilt University, Chancellor Charles Manning, Board of Regents, Dr. Bill Stacy, President, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Dr. John O'Dell, Superintendent, Sullivan County Schools, Dr. Rich Rhoda, Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Dr. Brian Noland, Associate Director of Policy, Planning and Research, Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, throughout their service on the Education Lottery Task Force, these extraordinary educators and professionals distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to this great State; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable success of these public servants and civic leaders is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of cooperation and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Education Lottery Task Force are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Education Lottery Task Force for their honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee in developing a system for the administration of the higher education scholarship funds that will derive from a state lottery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.